

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

April 24, 2017 MINUTES

Mayor Bruce A. Harris called the Regular Council Meeting of the Borough of Chatham to order on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Borough Hall, 54 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey.

SALUTE TO FLAG

The Mayor and Borough Council led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Harris asked for a moment of silence for those who have given their lives for our country.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Robin R. Kline, Municipal Clerk, read the following statement of adequate notice:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by including same in the Annual Notice, copies of which were posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on the main floor of Borough Hall, emailed to the Daily Record, the Star Ledger, the Chatham Courier, the Chatham Patch, and The Alternative Press and filed with the Borough Clerk, all on January 5, 2017.

ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll, the following officials were present:

Mayor Bruce A. Harris
Council Member James J. Collander
Council President Victoria Fife
Council Member Gerald J. Helfrich
Council Member Leonard Resto
Council Member Peter Hoffman
Robert J. Falzarano, Borough Administrator
James L. Lott, Jr., Borough Attorney
Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk
Council Member James Lonergan was absent.

Mayor Harris asked Council Member Collander to proceed with Resolution #17-158.

Council Member Collander read Resolution #17-158.

PROCLAMATION

RESOLUTION #17-158

CELEBRATING NATIONAL ARBOR DAY APRIL 28, 2017

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this special day, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed on the last Friday in April throughout the nation and the world each year; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of our business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham, that April 28, 2017 shall be celebrated as National Arbor Day in the Borough of Chatham and all citizens are encouraged to join together to celebrate the benefits of community trees and to support all efforts to protect our trees and woodlands for the well-being of present and future generations.

Council Member Collander made a motion to approve Resolution #17-158. Council Member Resto seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Resolution #17-158 was unanimously approved.

Council Member Collander, Council liaison to the Shade Tree Commission, presented the proclamation to Colleen Truppo, chair of the Shade Tree Commission, and thanked her and the Commissioners for their efforts.

Ms. Truppo thanked Mayor Harris and the Council for the proclamation and their support that affords the Borough to continue its Tree City U.S.A. designation. Ms. Truppo reported that the Shade Tree Commission promoted several public education programs this month in celebration of Arbor Day, including a series of Shade Tree banners that have been installed along Main Street highlighting the importance of trees in our communities and an Arbor Day Concert that was held Sunday afternoon at St. Patrick's Church. She also mentioned that the Shade Tree Commission will be partnering with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in its Woodland Camp program, providing tours of historic trees.

Mayor Harris and the Borough Council thanked Ms. Truppo and the members of the Shade Tree Commission for their good work.

At this time, Mayor Harris asked Chief Philip J. Crosson, Jr. to introduce representatives of the Guardian Foundation, who were in attendance to present the Police Department with a donation of five bullet-proof vests.

Chief Crosson introduced Mr. Carlos Betancourt, a representative with the Guardian Foundation. Mr. Betancourt stated that one of the missions of the Guardian Foundation is to provide law enforcement officers with life-saving equipment and commented that the Guardian Foundation is honored to be able to donate five rifle-rated bullet proof vests to the Chatham Borough Police Department.

Chief Phillip J. Crosson, Jr. accepted the bullet-proofs on behalf of the Police Department and thanked the Guardian Foundation for its donation of the five bullet-proof vests. Mayor Harris and the Borough Council also expressed their thanks for Guardian Foundation's generous donation.

Mayor Harris proceeded with Resolution #17-159.

RESOLUTION #17-159

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that the minutes from the following meeting are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Borough Clerk's office:

April 11, 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that the minutes

from the following Closed Session meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Borough Clerk's office:

April 11, 2017

Council Member Resto made a motion to approve Resolution #17-159. Council Member Collander seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Resolution #17-159 was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Green Takes Back Grey Project – Council Member Len Resto introduced Jennifer Kaplan, founder of the Public Arts Council (PAC) in Chatham Borough, who provided a brief background on the “Green Takes Back Grey Project.” Ms. Kaplan reported that the project entailed painting environmental themes on three traffic signal boxes in the Borough located along Watchung Avenue. The painting of artwork on the traffic signal boxes had been approved by both the County of Morris, who owns the boxes, and the Borough Council. Three local artists were selected to paint their artwork on the boxes. Ms. Kaplan further reported that the PAC had researched traffic safety to determine if the project caused driver distraction and found no reason for concern. She provided the Mayor and Council with a copy of approximately 100 favorable comments received from residents on the two social media surveys that were conducted.

Mr. Michael Pitonyak, homeowner on the corner of Fairmount Avenue and Watchung Avenue, expressed his objections to painting the traffic signal box located at the corner of his property and requested that the traffic signal box be repainted the original finish.

Mayor Harris and the Borough Council discussed Mr. Pitonyak's concerns and concurred that the traffic signal box should be returned to its original finish. Mr. Lott was asked to prepare a resolution to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Farmers' Market Update – Janice Piccolo, Director of the Department of Community Services provided an update on the 11th season of the Farmers' Market, which will run from June 17th to November 18th. She reported that three new farms, including an organic farm, have registered for the Farmers' Market along with three returning farms. She further reported that there will be 17 returning vendors along with five new vendors. Lastly, she commented that the Farmer's Market continues to attract vendors that offer a variety of locally grown produce, as well as local goods and services and that they are always looking for volunteers.

Administrative Code – Mayor Harris reported that he along with Council Member Resto, Mr. Falzarano and Mr. Lott have been drafting an Administrative Code. Mr. Lott reported that the Administrative Code is intended to provide the governing body and general public with a concise statement that describes the operations and organizations of the Borough government and provided a brief overview of the elements to be included. He reported that the Appointed Persons Ordinance will be updated to conform to the current Citizens Services Act.

Mayor Harris pointed out that the past practice of appointing members to the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission were incorrect and the ordinances will be corrected. Lastly, Mayor Harris reported that a Policy and Procedure to create uniform agendas and supply resolution templates will also be considered as a companion to the Administrative Code.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT

Hearing of citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues, which are/are not topics scheduled for Public Hearing tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to a reasonable length of time.

Mayor Harris opened the meeting to the public.

Michael Dean, 181 N. Passaic Avenue, commented on the traffic signal boxes. He inquired why Resolution #17-168 only allows for the memorial to honor five soldiers for World War I and suggested other wars be added to the tree dedication. He expressed his concerns regarding the redevelopment of Post Office Plaza.

Mayor Harris reported that the planner from Topology will be at the May 8th meeting of the Mayor and Council to discuss the *Preliminary Investigation Report for the Redevelopment of Post Office Plaza*.

Seeing no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Harris closed the meeting to the public.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

Mayor Harris asked Council Member Collander to proceed with Ordinance #17-04.

Council Member Collander read Ordinance #17-04 entitled:

ORDINANCE #17-04

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Which Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Council meeting held on March 27, 2017.

Mayor Harris asked the Borough Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

The Borough Clerk stated that a legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #17-04 was introduced and passed on first reading at the March 27, 2017 meeting and indicated the second reading and public hearing would be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 24, 2017 for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing on the Ordinance and invited any member of the public may be heard. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Harris closed the public hearing

Council Member Collander offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Ordinance as read by title on second reading, and after public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

Council Member Helfrich seconded the motion.

Mayor Harris asks the Borough Clerk for a Roll Call Vote.

| Name | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Collander | X | | X | | | |
| Lonergan | | | | | | X |
| Fife | | | X | | | |
| Helfrich | | X | X | | | |
| Resto | | | X | | | |
| Hoffman | | | | X | | |

Mayor Harris declared this Ordinance adopted and finally passed and requested the Clerk to publish the proper notice of adoption of this Ordinance in the official newspapers and to permanently record the Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS (NON-ROUTINE REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Mayor Harris proceeded with Resolution #17-160.

RESOLUTION #17-160

RESOLUTION TO READ THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET BY TITLE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A 4-8, as amended, provides that the municipal budget shall be read in full at the public hearing, or that it may be read by its title only if at least one week prior to the date of the hearing, and during the public hearing, complete copies of the budget were made available at no charge to each person requesting one; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has certified that the budget summary was published in the official newspapers upon approval by the Borough Council at its March 27, 2017 meeting, and that copies of the municipal budget were made available at no charge to each person requesting one in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that it hereby declares that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended, have been met and therefore the municipal budget shall be read by title only at the public hearing.

Council Member Helfrich made a motion to approve Resolution #17-160. Council Member Resto seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Resolution #17-160 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Harris proceeded with Resolution #17-160.

RESOLUTION #17-161

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council introduced and approved the 2017 Municipal Budget on March 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the approved budget was advertised as required by law on March 30, 2017 with notice of the public hearing scheduled for April 24, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the municipal budget for the year 2017:

Municipal Budget

Revenues

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| General Revenues | \$ 5,907,679.70 |
| Local Tax for Muni Purposes | \$ 7,857,326.34 |
| Minimum Library Tax | <u>\$ 816,372.16</u> |
| | \$14,581,378.20 |

Appropriations

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Municipal Purposes | \$12,836,378.20 |
| Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | <u>\$ 1,745,000.00</u> |
| Total General Appropriations | \$14,581,378.20 |

Water Operating Budget

Revenues

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Rents and Fees | \$ 1,412,780.00 |
|----------------|-----------------|

Appropriations

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|----------|-----------------|
| Expenses | \$ 1,412,780.00 |
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Solid Waste Budget

Revenues

Rents and Fees \$ 597,750.00

Appropriations

Expenses \$ 597,750.00

Open Space Budget

General Revenues \$ 73,651.45

Open Space Tax \$ 104,073.00

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing on the 2017 Municipal Budget and invited any member of the public may be heard.

Michael Dean, 181 N. Passaic Avenue, requested clarification on some items in the budget, including the vehicle replacement schedule for the Department of Public Works vehicles and Fire Department trucks and inquired if a plan of scheduled road improvement projects can be viewed.

Mr. Falzarano responded by stating that the ten year Financial Plan specifies when key pieces of equipment are to be replaced. He also reported that equipment is being evaluated to determine if it is mechanically sound to avoid unnecessarily replacing pieces of equipment.

Mr. Falzarano introduced the new auditors Mr. Bud Jones and Mr. Ray Nisivoccia, Jr. and reported that the audit is ahead of schedule.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Harris closed the public hearing.

Council Member Helfrich offered the Resolution #17-161 and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Budget Resolution as read by title on second reading, and after public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

Council Member Resto seconded the motion.

Mayor Harris asked the Borough Clerk for a Roll Call Vote.

| Name | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Collander | | | X | | | |
| Lonergan | | | | | | X |
| Fife | | | X | | | |
| Helfrich | X | | X | | | |
| Resto | | X | X | | | |
| Hoffman | | | X | | | |

Mayor Harris announced that the adoption of the 2017 Budget has been approved.

REPORTS**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Budget and Finance – Council Member Lonergan was absent.

Long Range Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Planning - Council Member Collander reported that Mr. Falzarano will be reporting on the recent meeting with New Jersey Department of Transportation officials concerning Route 24 and Route 124 (Main Street) and had nothing new to report.

Public Safety & Emergency Services - Council Member Collander had nothing new to report.

Personnel - Council Member Resto had nothing new to report.

Public Works Planning/Community Services - Council President Fife reported that Jeff Davis of Specialized Auto Craft in Chatham has completed the painting and gold detailing of the clock and the clock has been re-installed in Reasoner Park. She further reported that the Department of Public Works and John Grobert are completing improvements to Kelley's Pond, which includes new underground electric service for a bubbler unit that will be installed in the pond. She thanked the Fire Department for the generous \$10,000 donation for the improvements. Council President Fife also reported that the paver stones have been installed at Liberty Park and the 2017 Spring Clean is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th.

Shared Services & 3rd Party Agreements - Council Member Helfrich had nothing new to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Harris reported that the Borough's special planner, Mr. Phil Abramson of the firm Topology, is scheduled to make a presentation on the *Preliminary Investigation Report for the Redevelopment of Post Office Plaza* at the May 8th Mayor and Council meeting. The Planning Board accepted the *Preliminary Investigation Report for the Redevelopment of Post Office Plaza* at its April 5th meeting and subsequently adopted an authorizing resolution at its April 19th meeting.

Mayor Harris further reported that Dr. Michael LaSusa and Members of the Board of Education of the School District of the Chathams are also scheduled to present highlights of the school budget at the May 8th meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Falzarano reported that he spoke with Tom Ciccarone, Chatham Township Administrator, to coordinate paving the driveway of the Chatham Community Garden. He stated that both Departments of Public Works will work together to overlay existing driveway and that funding for the driveway will come from the community garden trust fund. He further reported that the Department of Public Works has installed the electric conduit that will service the bubbler located at Kelley's Pond. Mr. Falzarano commented that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection removed the drought warning for Morris County. He stated that the backstop & fencing are being installed at Shephard Kollock Park and should be completed by the end of the week and that the brick paver sidewalk at Liberty Park has been installed. Lastly, Mr. Falzarano stated that Jeff Davis of Specialized Auto Craft in Chatham had done the painting of the gold leaf on the clock by hand, free of charge, which saved the Borough \$7,500. Mr. Falzarano recommended that a Resolution of Appreciation be prepared for Mr. Davis.

Mayor Harris added that the Borough recently had a follow up meeting with the New Jersey Department of Public Transportation ("NJDOT"). Mr. Falzarano reported that during the meeting, the Borough requested information regarding three of the Borough's requests and stated that the only response that was given by the NJDOT is that they will research placing a temporary message board by Exit 7 for three months, the Borough was not provided answers for any additional questions. He reported that he is preparing a letter to NJDOT as a follow up to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered routine by the Chatham Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Resolution #17-162 through Resolution #17-169 have been placed on the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTION[S] REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

None.

CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION #17-162

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE PRICING
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish cooperative pricing systems and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Cooperative Pricing Council has offered voluntary participation in its cooperative pricing system for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Cooperative Pricing Council shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, each year the Borough of Chatham realizes cost savings by purchasing equipment and materials through cooperative pricing systems; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Public Works Department and the Chief Financial Officer recommend participation in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Chatham wishes to become a participating member of the Union County Cooperative Pricing Council.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Union County Cooperative Pricing Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other Borough officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

FINANCE

RESOLUTION #17-163

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Borough Council by the various municipal departments.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that all vouchers approved by the Finance Chairman be paid subject to the certification of the availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

RESOLUTION #17-164

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector for the Borough of Chatham has advised that an overpayment was made at the time of the mortgage refinance closing resulting in an overpayment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has further advised that a refund for the duplicate property tax overpayment is to be made as follows:

| <u>BLOCK/LOT</u> | <u>OWNERS/PROPERTY LOCATION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>TAX QTR</u> |
|------------------|---|---------------|----------------|
| 3/11 | Langford, Guy 71 Fairview Avenue Make check payable & mail to: Mr. Guy Langford 71 Fairview Avenue Chatham, NJ 07928 | \$2,777.21 | 2009/3Qtr. |

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that it hereby authorizes the Borough Tax Collector to process a refund for the duplicate overpayment of property taxes as herein referenced.

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #17-165

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE AUDIO/VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEMS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT #A81311 FOR THE CHATHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, public bids are not required when the purchase of goods or services is made through a New Jersey State Contract vendor; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough Police Department has a need to purchase and have professionally installed the following mobile audio/video camera systems and electronic equipment:

- Six (6) L3 Mobile-Vision In Car Flashback HD system, 16GBSD OZ cam, VLX, Std-Mon.;
- Six (6) Flashback, In-Car Video System, with extended 5 Year Warranty;
- One (1) Kit: Bravo 4201 Disc Publisher with work station and accessories;
- Two (2) Kit: Outdoor AP-802 Wireless Access Point with 11n over a or a frequency, includes antenna, Power over Internet injector, Power over Internet Converter, Access Point mounted to antenna;
- Installation of New Flashback system, includes removal of (6) Flashback2 systems and installation of (6) Flashback High Definition systems to be performed by Triangle Communications;
- Installation of (2) Wire Access Points to be installed by Central Alarm;
- On-site and remote professional services;
- Installation of Operating System and Digital Evidence System Application on Customer Provided Equipment.

And

WHEREAS, the purchase and installation of the above-referenced audio/video and electronic equipment is available through New Jersey State Contract #A81311 from L-3 Mobile-Vision, Inc., 400 Commons Way, Rockaway NJ 07866 in the amount of \$42,917.50 as provided in its quote dated March 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of availability of funds in the amount not to exceed \$42,917.50 from General Capital Fund accounts # C-04-55-916-604 and C-04-55-917-606.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that it hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of the herein referenced audio/video and electronic equipment through New Jersey State Contract #A81311 to L-3 Mobile-Vision, Inc. in the amount of \$42,917.50 as provided in its quote dated March 8, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other Borough officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

OTHER

RESOLUTION #17-166

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABILITY FAIR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

WHEREAS, our residents desire a healthy, stable, and sustainable future for themselves and future generations and have the desire to take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the Chatham Borough Environmental Commission and the Chatham Township Environmental Commission have organized and co-hosted the *Green Fair of the Chathams*, a collaborative effort promoting eco-friendly organizations, companies and products that offer wide-ranging, affordable environmental solutions to sustain our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors' Wellness Campaign of the Chathams Committee, a joint committee with Chatham Township, in collaboration with the Chatham Borough Farmers' Market Advisory Committee, has been working with the Mayors and key leaders promoting healthier lifestyles for all citizens in their communities by championing practices and organizing programs that promote active living; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough Environmental Commission, the Chatham Township Environmental Commission, the Mayors' Wellness Committee and the Chatham Borough Farmers' Market Advisory Committee wish to collaboratively organize and hold a *Sustainability Fair* on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Chatham Borough Farmers' Market, Railroad Plaza South, from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby support the collaborative initiative and authorize the *Sustainability Fair* to be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Chatham Borough Farmers' Market, Railroad Plaza South, from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., subject to compliance and approval of police and public safety directives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #17-167

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE EQUIPMENT TO THE CHATHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a municipality may solicit and accept donations, by gift, bequest, or devise, of real property, funds, personal property, in-kind items, or services by private persons to the soliciting governmental entity or agency, for public purposes by adoption of a resolution authorizing the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Guardian Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization based out of Bayonne, New Jersey, wishes to donate emergency response equipment to the Chatham Borough Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council support this initiative by the Guardian Foundation and wish to authorize acceptance of this and any future donations, if any, to the Chatham Borough Police Department.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham hereby accept the Guardian Foundation's donation of emergency response equipment to the Chatham Borough Police Department and extends their gratitude to the Guardian Foundation for its generous charitable donation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #17-168

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A MONUMENT/MEMORIAL SUBMITTED BY THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have received a request from the Chatham Historical Society seeking to plant one commemorative red oak tree on the south front lawn of Borough Hall and to install a memorial stone at the base of the tree with a bronze plaque listing the names of the five Chatham soldiers who lost their lives in battle in France during the Great War (World War I); and

WHEREAS, in 1919, five red oak trees were planted in front of what was then Public School #1, now Borough Hall, in honor of the five young Chatham men who lost their lives in battle during the Great War: Lt. Eugene P Hubbard, Sgt. Van Horn D. Wolfe, Private Paul Van Fleet, Private Fred Reinhold Pihlman and Private Frederick Percy Parcells; however, the trees have been lost; and

WHEREAS, the year 2017 marks the centennial of the United States of America's participation in World War I and the Chatham Historical Society wishes to rededicate one red oak in honor and remembrance of these five young men who fought so heroically for our freedom 100 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Historical Society will fund the red oak tree and memorial stone, and has submitted an *Application for Monument/Memorial* to the Mayor and Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Borough Shade Tree Commission has approved the request to plant the red oak tree on the south front lawn of Borough Hall and has provided its guidance on site placement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to approve this request.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham hereby approves the Chatham Historical Society's request to plant one commemorative red oak tree on the south front lawn of Borough Hall and install a memorial stone at the base of the tree with a bronze plaque listing the names of the five Chatham soldiers who lost their lives in battle in France during the Great War (World War I); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #17-169

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC RIVERSIDE TRAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Chatham is desirous of submitting an Historic Site Management Grant application to the New Jersey Historic Trust for the Historic Riverside Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, the grant application seeks funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the development and installation of a visitor's center, four free-standing interpretative kiosks highlighting the Borough's historic past, fitness markers, printing of brochures and technology development to enhance the experience of visitors; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for an Historic Site Management Grant, applicants must demonstrate the ability to match 25% of the total project cost for which the grant is requested; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has estimated the total project cost to be \$133,710.00 with the Borough contributing up to \$20,000.00 from the 2018 Capital Improvement Budget and \$93,710.00 in matching funds from the Morris County Trail Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works will be responsible for the installation of the visitor's center, kiosks and fitness markers, which will exceed \$20,000.00 in-kind labor costs for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has confirmed that sufficient funds will be included in the 2018 Capital Budget submission for Borough Council approval upon the award of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Site Management Grant application must be submitted to the New Jersey Historic Trust on or before May 3, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that they hereby authorize the Mayor to execute a Historic Site Management Grant application with the New Jersey Historic Trust for the Historic Riverside Trail Project as herein referenced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other Borough officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Council Member Collander moved to approve Resolution #17-162 through Resolution #17-169. Council Member Helfrich seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Resolutions #17-162 through Resolution #17-169 were unanimously approved.

Mayor Harris announced there was no business for Closed Session discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to be conducted, Council Member Helfrich made a motion for adjournment. Council President Fife seconded the motion, with all in favor. Mayor Harris adjourned the public meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin R. Kline

Robin R. Kline, MAS, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk
BOROUGH OF CHATHAM